Atrocities on Women

5. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the replies to the Unstarred Questions 1678 and 1691 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1996 and state:

(a) the legislative changes in the relevant Acts referred to in the replies;

(b) by when the changes are likely to be made;

(c) the steps taken to provide legal awareness among women;

(d) whether Government are thinking of introducing any new legislation for taking severe legal action against such humiliations of women;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The legislative changes under reference are those which have been made, inter alia, over a period of time, in the Dowry Prohibition Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act and Criminal Procedure Code in order to make them more effective.

(c) Among other steps, a legal literacy manual has been brought out with the aim of educating women about the laws concerning their basic rights.

(d) to (f) The introduction of new legislation/legislative changes in the existing enactments is an on-going process. It is, however, felt that this has to be necessarily supplemented by socio-economic measures which will bring about the requisite changes in societal attitudes towards women.

Installation of Fax Machine in Post Offices

6. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal Fax machine in every Post Office in Municipal areas;

(b) whether any such scheme has been considered for selected Municipal areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to instal fax machine in every Post Office in Municipal areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Extension of Telecom Network in Gujarat

7. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the area in Gujarat which have not been covered under the communication network so far, district-wise;

(b) whether any representations have been received from that State to extend the area of the communication;

(c) whether these areas are completely cut-off from national communication network; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The information is given as per Statement district-wise. (See below).

(b) No sir.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) Telephone facility is proposed to be provided to these villages progressively during next two years.

Statement

Number of villages without Telecom. Facilities as on 1-9-96.

Sr. No.	Name of District	Total number of villages	Villages with telephone facility	Villages without telephone facility
1.	Ahmadabad	646	582	64
2.	Gandhinagar	73	71	2

Sr. No.	Name of District	Total number of villages	Villages with telephone facility	Villages without telephone facility
3.	Amreli	595	525	70
4.	Banaskantha (PNP)	1368	803	563
5.	Bharuch	1116	691	425
6.	Bhavnagar	865	728	137
7.	Jamnagar	694	581	113
8.	Junagadh	1034	797	237
9.	Kheda	965	888	77
10.	Kutch (Bhuj)	884	524	360
11.	Mehsana	1093	950	143
12.	Panchmahal	1886	931	955
13.	Rajkot	841	762	79
14.	Sabarkantha (HMR)	1363	840	523
15.	Surendranagar	648	645	3
16.	Surat	1185	765	420
17.	Vadodara	1639	760	879
18.	Valsad	821	558	263
19.	Dang	309	113	196
20.	Union Territories (Diu, Daman & Dadra Nagar Haveli).	100	48	52
		18125	12562	5563

STD/ISD/PCO Facilities in Tripura

8. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering expansion of STD/ISD/PCO facilities in different parts of Tripura;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to dispose off thousands of pending applications for Telephone connections from all parts of Tripura including State Capital Agartala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per Statement.

Statement

Details of Expansion Programme in Tripura

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Existing Type	Expansion Plan
1.	Agartala	8K E-10B (main)	8K to 10K
2.	Sonamura	128P + 256P	512P C-DOT
3.	Birendranagar	256P*2	512P C-DOT + 256P
4.	Kailasahar	ILT*2	512P C-DOT (Next Year)
5.	Khowal	256P+256P	512P C-DOT + 256P
6.	Bishramganj	64 MILT	256 P C-DOT
7.	R.K. Pur	ILT*2+256P	3K C-DOT
8.	Bishalgarh	256P+256P	256 P + 512P
9.	Ambassa	256P	Spare Capacity available
10.	Kadamtala	256P C-DOT	Spare Capacity available
11.	Kamalpur	128P+256P	256P + 256P
12.	Mahanpur	128P+256P	256P + 256P
13.	Amarpur	128P*2+256P	256P*2 + 128P*2
14.	Dharmanagar	512 P C-DOT	512P + 512P
15.	Teliampura	512 P C-DOT	512P + 512P
16.	Sabroom	128 P + 256P	256P + 256P